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SUBJECT: VATICAN DELIVERS TEXT OF KAUNDA STATEMENT FOR TRANS-  
MISSION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. VATICAN DELIVERED TO US JULY 22 BRIEF LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP CASAROIL TO AMBASSADOR LODGE ENCLOSING PORTION OF TEXT OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S LETTER TO POPE PAUL WHICH COVERS HIS VIEWS ON FUTURE OF PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES. CASAROLI'S LETTER RECALLS THAT POPE HAD INFORMED SECRETARY KISSINGER OF THE MESSAGE AND PROMISED TO FORWARD THE TEXT AS SOON AS IT WAS RECEIVED.

2. TEXT OF KAUNDA LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE 1 JULY, 1974

WE FOLLOWED WITH GREAT INTEREST THE SPEECH MADE TO CARDINALS ON THE 23RD OF JUNE, 1974. THIS WAS ONCE AGAIN A REITERATION OF YOUR CONVICTION ON THE NEED TO FIND A JUST SOLUTION FOR PEOPLES WHO ARE STILL DENIED THE BASIC FREEDOMS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH HUMAN EQUALITY AND DIGNITY ACCORDING TO GOD'S PLAN. THE MESSAGE OF THE SPEECH WAS HEARTENING TO US AND I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR HOLINESS'S UNTIRING

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EFFORTS TO PRICK THE CONSCIENCE OF MANKIND ON THESE PROBLEMS.

IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT, YOUR HOLINESS, THAT WE ALSO GREET THE MEETING WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD YOUR HOLINESS WILL BE HAVING WITH UNITED STATES SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES VIS-A-VIS THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE BELIEVE THAT GIVEN THE WILL, THEY CAN INFLUENCE EVENTS IN A DIRECTION THAT WOULD ACHIEVE PEACE IN PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES. THE BUILDING OF PEACE BASED ON CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN THESE TERRITORIES WILL GREATLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF GENERAL PEACE AND TRANQUILITY WHICH ALL PEACE-LOVING NATIONS DESIRE FOR MANKIND.

AS YOU GIVE AUDIENCE, THEREFORE, TO SECRETARY KISSINGER, ALLOW ME, YOUR HOLINESS, TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT YOUR WILL GRACIOUSLY URGE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THROUGH HIM, TO TAKE A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON THESE MATTERS IN WHICH WE ARE CONTINUALLY INVOLVED TOGETHER. UNQUOTE.

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